

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(43)

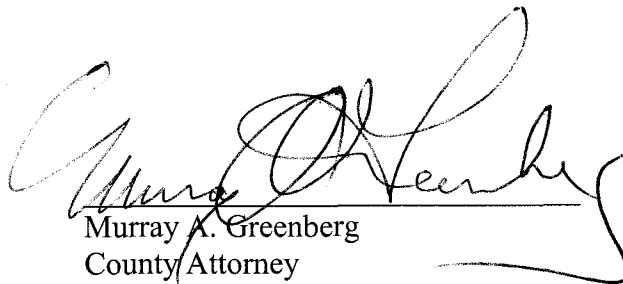
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 24, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
permitting & inspection
process for development in
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Natacha Seijas and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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1-24-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED AFTER AN ELEVEN-MONTH REVIEW OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PERMITTING AND INSPECTION PROCESS, AND ENCOURAGING THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REVIEW PROCESS AND THE PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2005, the Committee Statement of the Miami-Dade County Infrastructure and Land Use Committee (INLUC), attached as Exhibit A, announced that it would be "an immediate goal of the committee to see that the permitting and inspection process for development in Miami-Dade County is efficient and transparent"; and

WHEREAS, at the Committee's direction, representatives of Miami-Dade County departments involved in the development process provided the Committee at its March 8, 2005, meeting a detailed report and a preliminary assessment of the land use, permitting and inspection process; and

WHEREAS, as an integral part of the ongoing review process, the Chair of the INLUC Committee conducted a workshop with representatives of industry on June 8, 2005, together with Miami-Dade County staff, to discuss in detail matters of particular concern, and at the conclusion of the meeting, staff was requested to prepare and submit a report on the findings of the ongoing review and to provide appropriate recommendations to address concerns raised in the review process; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the County Manager submitted to the INLUC Committee a report on and assessment of the permitting and inspection process, which included certain recommendations to improve speed and effectiveness and which noted that certain recommendations had in fact already been implemented; and

WHEREAS, other recommendations that will enhance the permitting and inspection process were also included in the report and merit prompt implementation; and

WHEREAS, this assessment of one of Miami-Dade County's most important governmental functions has been rigorous, transparent and open to all parties with an interest in improving the process, and merits both immediate action and the support of all interested parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, that this Board hereby directs the County Manager to prepare and submit to the INLUC Committee at its February 2006 meeting a detailed plan for the implementation of the recommendations developed after an eleven-month review of Miami-Dade County's permitting and inspection process, including a detailed timeline, a work plan, and a proposal for the submission to this Board of necessary changes to the Code of Miami-Dade County. This Board further encourages the Mayor of Miami-Dade County to acknowledge the work of industry, the members of INLUC and Miami-Dade County staff representatives, and to support the findings of the review process, the recommendations emanating from that review, and the implementation plan to be provided by the County Manager.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrian D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of January, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



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**MEMORANDUM****TO:** Chairman Joe Martinez**DATE:** February 8, 2005**SUBJECT:** Committee Statement**FROM:** Natacha Seijas
Chair, INLUC

The Infrastructure and Land Use Committee (INLUC) has oversight of key departments that regulate growth and provide vital services to our citizens. You have also tasked this committee with the issue of incorporation and annexation. As I see it, INLUC is responsible for developing policies affecting growth and governance.

An immediate goal of the committee will be to see that the permitting and inspection process for development in Miami-Dade County is efficient and transparent. The Building Department will lead a presentation in March to illustrate the current state of affairs. All departments involved in the permitting and inspection process will be asked to explain how the process is coordinated and managed. Based on the presentations and discussion, the committee will advance legislative and budgetary policies to improve these processes.

As part of the overall goal to improve government, I will be introducing legislation to consolidate the responsibilities of the Boundaries Commission under the Planning Advisory Board (PAB). By any measure, the incorporation and annexation process is unwieldy. Removing this redundant step will dramatically improve the process. While these issues are difficult and complex, the decision process does not have to be.

This year INLUC will evaluate the performance of the community councils. Sufficient time has lapsed since the inception of this program to allow for a comprehensive review. I will ask staff to compile a report of the official record to date. I intend to schedule a workshop for the community and the council members this summer. INLUC will then recommend changes to allow the community councils to better serve their jurisdictions.

Planning is the central topic of INLUC. While several charrettes and area studies will be conducted to address localized issues, a broad review of the planning principles underpinning the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) will also be considered. County Commission Vice-Chairman Dennis C. Moss initiated discussion of the UDB at a workshop we recently held. Any proposed policy changes pertaining to the UDB, the focal point of our Comprehensive Development Master Plan Map, will be considered by INLUC.

This year the Solid Waste Department will transition to automated curbside garbage collection. Delays in the implementation of this cost-saving program may require other service adjustments. A number of service alternatives will be considered. In the short term, a schedule to implement the planned reduction of transfer stations will be developed.

EXHIBIT "A"

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We must not only plan to guide growth and development, we must plan to meet the needs of our citizens. Having a sufficient supply of water is obviously of vital importance. In Florida, every water utility must seek permission to draw additional water supply. Winning approval to tap new wells has become very complicated. The County is now being asked to *create* new water sources. The cost associated with identifying alternative water supply is substantial. It will be the goal of INLUC, working with the WASD, to develop a strong policy position and strategy for securing the future water supply we need.

The fiscal integrity of WASD and every department we oversee will be closely monitored. The first budget briefing by the departments was on February 8th. I intend to schedule a second INLUC meeting in March to concentrate on the details of the preliminary departmental budgets. Based on the information and discussion at this meeting, the committee will develop recommendations for department budgets.

The overall goal of INLUC this year is to prepare the county for the next ten years. The best way to prepare for the future is to thoughtfully evaluate the alternatives we have today. I am confident that my colleagues and I, with the support of our professional administrative staff and excellent legal counsel, will develop lasting policy decisions to govern the growth and well-being of Miami-Dade County.